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Monday a stronger Economy





Dear Friend,

Attracting new businesses, creating new jobs, and maintaining a strong economic base are common goals across Indiana's

Second District. That is why I have worked closely with local businesses and all levels of government to ensure that they have the tools they need to help our district compete and grow in the 21st century global economy.

It is clear that the Second District has the workforce, resources, and infrastructure necessary to attract and grow new businesses. However, a successful economic development strategy will inevitably require a team effort to address a number of critical components including energy, education, taxes, and infrastructure. Rest assured, as your representative, I am your partner in our quest to bring economic opportunities to the Second District, and I will continue to work with our local communities to ensure a level playing field for Hoosier businesses and workers competing in the global economy.

It is an honor to represent you in the House of Representatives.

Member of Congress

Congressman Donnelly speaks with a local business owner about small

business tax cuts.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

www.sba.gov

Visit the Small Business Administration website for more information about loan programs and grant opportunities for small businesses. You can also learn more about getting your small business off the ground, including finding an investor for your small business through the Small Business Investment Company Program (SBIC).

www.FedBizOpps.gov

By posting information directly on FedBizOpps.gov, the single government point of entry for government procurement opportunities over \$25,000, buyers are able to publicize their business opportunities. Commercial vendors seeking Federal customers for their products and services can search, monitor and retrieve opportunities solicited by the entire Federal contracting community.

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To contact me with your questions about federal resources available to small businesses, send an e-mail through the form on my website Donnelly.house.gov or contact my district office in South Bend at 574-288-2780. If you have concerns about legislation that affects small business pending before Congress, call my office in Washington at 202-225-3915.

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Working for a Stronger Economy

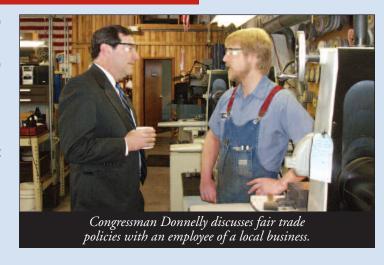
Protecting Hoosier Jobs

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Donnelly complains about trade practices to Chinese ambassador.

Leveling the Playing Field to Protect Hoosier Jobs

Congressman Joe Donnelly has worked hard to protect American jobs by ensuring that American companies have a level playing field on which to compete. We need trade policies that create jobs, fuel economic growth, and benefit consumers both here and abroad. That's why Congressman Joe Donnelly is a co-sponsor of H.R. 1229, the *Nonmarket Economy Trade Remedy Act of 2007*, which cracks down on foreign companies that use illegal government subsidies as a competitive advantage against Hoosier businesses and workers.





Protecting American Ideas & Ingenuity

The rampant rise in intellectual property theft is undercutting our local businesses, costing jobs, and compromising the safety of American consumers. Congressman Donnelly has led the fight against the theft of intellectual property by introducing the *Intellectual Property Rights Enforcement Act of 2007*. This bill will significantly strengthen IP enforcement domestically and internationally by creating one organized force to combat IP theft. It also elevates the government's response to IP theft to the same level as money laundering and other black market crimes.

"People that take others' ideas and pass them off as their own harm Hoosier businesses and undermine fair trade," said Donnelly. "My legislation would ensure that American ingenuity continues to set our entrepreneurs apart from foreign competition."

Promoting Job Growth

South Bend Tribune

New tax break would help small businesses

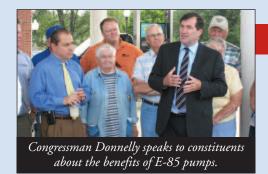
Donnelly touts federal legislation

Investing in Our Local Businesses

Congressman Donnelly believes tax relief is vital to the success of small businesses. That is why he co-sponsored a \$4.8 billion tax relief package to help small businesses invest in new equipment and technology, as well as pay for and hire new workers.

"We strengthen our economy when we facilitate the growth of small businesses across the 2^{nd} District," Donnelly said. "I want to see the businesses here in north central Indiana succeed because when small businesses grow, we all benefit."





Promoting the Use of Homegrown Fuels

Congressman Joe Donnelly's recently passed <u>E-85 PUMP Act</u> promotes consumer access to alternative fuels by prohibiting oil companies from restricting the right of gas stations to install E-85 pumps.

"Developing alternative energy sources will help us to decrease our dependence on foreign oil and create jobs right here in Indiana.

My legislation would make it easier for gas stations, and ultimately the consumer, to invest in our national security, our environment, and our local communities."

Preparing a Strong Workforce

Congressman Joe Donnelly is committed to developing a quality workforce by ensuring that every American has access to an affordable education. In order to achieve this goal, Congressman Donnelly helped pass the <u>College Cost Reduction Act</u>, which cuts interest rates on subsidized student loans in half and increases both the maximum Pell Grant award and federal student loan limits.

